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Also attached is a copy of the Japanese Office Action dated June 9, 1998, from the corresponding Japanese Patent Application.

As this Statement is being filed within three months of the date of the Japanese Office Action, no fee is due.

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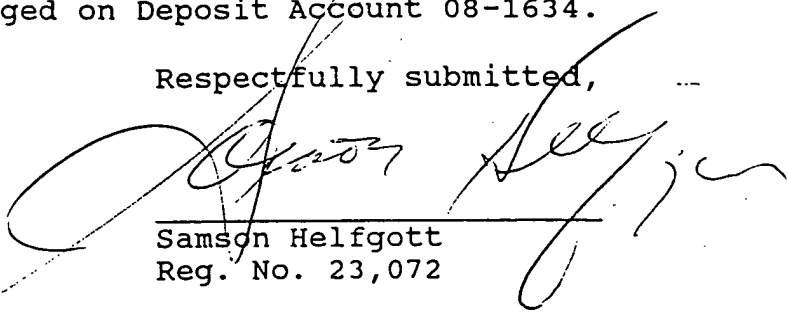
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